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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §101

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the bodies of claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 in view of MPEP 2106 (IV)(C)(2)((2)) are non-statutory since they are lacking of real world useful result. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for adding an HTML document to a web site, the HTML document relating to a respective one of a plurality of categories of information. Claim 1 requires uploading the HTML document to a directory on the web site, such that activating a search in the directory calls a search engine to execute the search and produce a search result that identifies a link to the HTML document in the directory containing a corresponding HTML keyword. This method is particularly advantageous in that the activated search does not require access to a database containing HTML documents, nor does the activated search engine produce a search result that identifies links to websites containing HTML documents.

Claim 1 produces a useful, concrete and tangible result that is tied to the real/physical world since it requires creating an up-to-date web page for the respective one of the plurality of categories of information from the search result wherein the up-to-date web page includes the link to the HTML documents containing the HTML keyword, such that the HTML documents are automatically available for reading without creating specific web pages to access the HTML documents and without using a database. The claimed method is particularly useful to a web site designer, since it minimizes the tasks that the web site designer performs when adding new HTML documents to web sites.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is directed to a process having utility since it is tied to the real/physical world and produces a useful, concrete and tangible result that is statutory and therefore patentable. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 8, 15 and 22 that have features corresponding to claim 1 are patentable for the same reasons discussed above regarding the rejection of claim 1. Claims 2-7 are

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patentable since they depend ultimately from claim 1 that is allowable. Claims 9-14 are allowable since they depend ultimately from claim 8 that is allowable. Claims 16-21 are allowable since they depend ultimately from claim 15 that is allowable.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (507) 351-4450.

Respectfully submitted,

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